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SUBJECT: LETTER TO DRS. ARROW AND LIPSET

PARIS COMMUNICATIONS CENTER: PLEASE NOTIFY MINISTER
COUNSELOR WILLIAM B. JONES OF ARRIVAL OF THIS MESSAGE
AT OPENING OF BUSINESS, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2

1. PERMDEL SHOULD ARRANGE TO DELIVER FOLLOWING POINTS
ORALLY REPEAT ORALLY TO EITHER DR. KENNETH ARROW OR
DR. SEYMOUR MARTIN LIPSET AT THE HOTEL HILTON SUFFREN:

A. PERMDEL HAS BEEN ASKED TO CONVEY THE FOLLOWING
POINTS ORALLY IN REPLY TO LIPSET-ARROW LETTER TO THE
PRESIDENT OF SEPTEMBER 20.

B. THE USG CONTINUES TO CONSIDER UNESCO AS IMPORTANT
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION RESPONSIBLE FOR A WIDE RANGE
OF VALUABLE PROGRAMS.

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C. WE HAVE BEEN CONCERNED BY THE EFFECTS OF TRENDS WHICH HAVE APPEARED WITHIN THE ORGANIZATION IN RECENT YEARS.

D. WE ARE DETERMINED TO CONTINUE OUR EFFORTS TO REVERSE THESE TRENDS AND WILL WELCOME ANY COUNSEL TOWARD THIS END FROM THE WORLD CONFERENCE IN PARIS.

2. PERMDEL SHOULD NOT REPEAT NOT GET INTO SPECIFICS NOR PRESENT ABOVE POINTS IN WRITING.

3. FYI: TEXT OF ARROW-LIPSET LETTER TO PRESIDENT OF SEPTEMBER 30 AS FOLLOWS:

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1976, A WORLD CONFERENCE OF INTELLECTUALS, ACADEMICIANS AND SCIENTISTS, INCLUDING AN AMERICAN DELEGATION WILL CONVENE IN PARIS TO DISCUSS THE FUTURE OF UNESCO.

UNESCO'S POLITICIZATION IN RECENT YEARS HAS BECOME UNACCEPTABLE TO MOST MEMBERS OF THE INTELLECTUAL AND ACADEMIC COMMUNITY BOTH IN THE UNITED STATES AND ABROAD. THE TIME HAS NOW COME TO DEBATE OPENLY THE NATURE OF AMERICAN PARTICIPATION. A LIST OF THE AMERICAN DELEGATES TO THE PARIS CONFERENCE IS APPENDED.

THE WORLD CONFERENCE HAS BEEN CALLED BY THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR THE UNIVERSALITY OF UNESCO OF WHICH PROFESSOR RAYMOND ARON OF THE SORBONNE AND PROFESSOR ANDRE LWOFF, NOBEL LAUREATE IN MEDICINE ARE JOINT CHAIRMEN. THE CHAIRMEN OF THE U.S. DELEGATION ARE PROFESSOR KENNETH ARROW, NOBEL LAUREATE OF HARVARD UNIVERSITY AND PROFESSOR SEYMOUR MARTIN LIPSET OF STANFORD UNIVERSITY.

WE ARE WRITING TO ASK THAT YOU SEND US YOUR GREETINGS AND THE VIEWS OF YOUR ADMINISTRATION ON UNESCO. WE WILL WISH TO READ YOUR STATEMENT TO THE PARIS CONFERENCE.
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MOST RESPECTFULLY YOURS

END TEXT. END FYI.

4. REPORT MONDAY ANY REACTIONS OF ARROW AND LIPSET. KISSINGER

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